

SPECIFICATION

On page 5, amend paragraph six as follows:

[0032] FIG. 2 shows an environment 200 in which a master test plan 240 is created according to embodiments of the present invention. As in the conventional environment 100 (FIG. 1), a customer may provide to the contractor a verification matrix database 210 listing specifications to be met by the contractor in completing the project. Unlike the conventional environment 100, however, the environment 200 employs a test plan database 220 which in one presently preferred embodiment is coupled by a communications link 215 to the verification matrix database 210. Accordingly, specifications stored in the verification matrix database 210 can be imported or transferred into the test plan database 220 to provide a foundation for the creation of the master test plan 240.

On page 6, please amend the second paragraph as follows:

[0034] In the environment 200, the master test plan 240 is not a flat file document to be edited by one individual at a time. Multiple users can access the test plan database 220 at one time to enter, revise, and update information. When individuals developing the test plan have completed work on their portions of the test plan, a test plan generator 245 extracts test plan information from the test plan database 220 to create the test plan 240. A database manager program such as MICROSOFT ACCESS Microsoft Access® works with word processor, spreadsheet, or other programs such as MICROSOFT WORD Microsoft Word® or MICROSOFT EXCEL Microsoft Excel® such that data can be extracted from the database 220 and presented in a report form such as that of the test plan 240.

Please amend the paragraph that bridges pages 7 and 8 as follows:

[0042] To further illustrate operation of embodiments of the present invention, FIGS. 4-18 present a series of screen shots of a program according to an embodiment of the present invention. The program shown runs under an operating system such as MICROSOFT WINDOWS Microsoft Windows® and uses a data base manager such as the MICROSOFT ACCESS Microsoft Access® Database Manager. It will be appreciated, however, that programs can be written to run under other operating systems according to embodiments of the present invention. Further, programs can be written to perform their own database management without using a database manager program.

Please amend the paragraph that bridges pages 9 and 10 as follows:

[0050] FIG. 11 shows a screen 1100 of a first page, such as a title page, of a master test plan 1110 which can be generated from the test plan database 220 (FIG. 2) according to an embodiment of the present invention. The screens 400-1000 previously described provide for entry and editing of verification activity information; once the information has been entered and a user has requested the test plan, a test plan generator 245 produces the report from the database automatically. As previously described, if a database manager such as MICROSOFT ACCESS Microsoft Access® is used to manage the database, the report can be generated in a word processor format such as MICROSOFT WORD Microsoft Word® format as shown for document creation.